

CLAIMS:

1. An online meeting planning system comprising:

5 (a) a first node which is a secure computer protected from unauthorized access having a meeting planner application program for entering meeting planning data which includes: (i) personal, identifying, or other sensitive data of persons authorized as attendees at a meeting event; and (ii) non-sensitive group data which are unique to a group of authorized attendees at the meeting event and usable for meeting planning and other meeting facilitation functions for the group;

10 (b) a second node which is a public online site which receives only the non-sensitive group data uploaded from the first node and assembles meeting planning and other meeting facilitation functions in a unique meeting group program using the non-sensitive group data; and

15 (c) a third node which is a private online site which receives the assembled meeting group program downloaded from the second public node and the sensitive data of authorized attendees downloaded from the first secure node and combines the authorized attendee data together with the meeting group program to create a private meeting group site accessible only to authorized attendees of the meeting event.

20 2. An online meeting planning system according to Claim 1, wherein the first node is a secure PC on a corporate intranet or standalone system behind a firewall which is used by a meeting planner to enter the sensitive data and non-sensitive group data for a planned meeting event, the second node is a public ASP site on the Internet which assembles meeting planning and meeting facilitation functions in the meeting group program as selected by the meeting planner, and the third node is a private meeting group site hosted on a local server in network proximity to the meeting location.

25 3. An online meeting planning method comprising:

(a) entering data at a secure computer protected from unauthorized access which includes: (i) personal, identifying, or other sensitive data of persons authorized as attendees at a meeting event; and (ii) non-sensitive group data which are unique to a group of authorized attendees at the meeting event and usable for meeting planning and other meeting facilitation functions for the group;

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(b) uploading only non-sensitive group data from the entered data to a public online site for assembly of a unique meeting group program having meeting facilitation functions; and

(c) downloading the unique meeting group program from the public online site and combining it with sensitive data downloaded from the data entered at the secure computer to a private online site which is accessible only to authorized attendees of the meeting event.

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